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**Statement from the Honorable John Chiang  
Chair, Board of Equalization  
on the  
Passing of Miguel Contreras**

“I am deeply saddened at the loss of one of the American Trade Labor Movement’s greatest champions, Miguel Contreras. He was truly a man of his time and a man of great vision.

As a young boy, he toiled in the fields with his father in the Central Valley. As a young man, he became a powerful organizer and negotiator for working men, women and families who were without a voice and without hope.

Miguel tirelessly promoted the principles of equity, justice and dignity for all workers.

We have lost a hero, a friend and a national champion. Miguel’s presence will be missed on the picket lines and at the negotiating tables. We will celebrate Miguel Contreras’ life as we continue his struggle for equity and fairness every day we live on this great earth.

I extend my condolences to his wife, Maria Elena Durazo and their two sons.”

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